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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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RE: Docket No. 2005-50 -- BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Transit Traffic Tariff

Dear Mr. Terreni:

As you are aware, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Sprint Spectrum, L.P. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (collectively, "Sprint") intervened in this proceeding on February 15, 2005. Sprint is in receipt of the letter filed on that same day by counsel for the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), which states that the SCTC is withdrawing its request for emergency relief, and announces that the SCTC and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") have reached, subject to Commission approval, certain interim resolutions of a procedural nature.

Sprint concurs with the proposed procedure outlined in the SCTC's February 15 letter. Specifically, Sprint and BellSouth will negotiate and attempt to resolve the relevant issues by April 1, 2005. If the matter cannot be resolved by the April 1 deadline, the matter should be submitted to this Commission for formal resolution, and Sprint recommends that the proposed schedule for prefiled testimony and hearings as contained in the February 15 letter be adopted by the Commission (please note that if Sprint chooses to present testimony in this matter, both Sprint's and SCTC's prefiled direct testimony should be due on or before April 15, 2005). In addition, Sprint agrees that the final resolution of this matter, whether by voluntary agreement or by Commission Order, will apply retroactively to February 16, 2005 for purposes of BellSouth's assessing and collecting appropriate transit traffic charges, if any. As with the SCTC, Sprint will also not be responsible for any charges included in BellSouth's transit traffic tariff until those charges have been confirmed or modified upon final resolution of the matter.

Enclosed please find for filing an original and ten copies of this letter. I have also included an extra copy, which I would ask you to date stamp and return to me in the enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope. Thank you for your assistance, and please call me if you should have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.

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**Enclosures** 

c: Parties of Record